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Colonel Ralph J. Jodice II is commander of the 80th Flying Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The 80th Flying Training Wing conducts the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program, the world's only internationally manned and managed undergraduate pilot training program. Thirteen NATO nations participate: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The colonel entered the Air Force after receiving his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Parks College of St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1976. He has served tours in England, and Korea, commanded a squadron and an operations group, and served on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.



EDUCATION:

- 1976 Bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering, Parks College of St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1980 Master of science degree in aerospace engineering, University of Dayton, Ohio
- 1986 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)
- 1990 Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va. (distinguished graduate)
- 1993 Air War College (seminar)
- 1997 National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 Master's degree in national strategic studies, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1977 - December 1980, propulsion structural durability engineer, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
2. December 1980 - November 1981, student, pilot training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. (distinguished graduate)
3. December 1981, water survival training, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
4. January 1982 - March 1982, lead-in fighter training, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
5. May 1982 - September 1982, F-111 training, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
6. September 1982, survival training, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
7. October 1982 - October 1985, squadron plans officer, assistant flight commander, and F-111E instructor pilot, 79th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Upper Heyford, England
8. October 1985 - July 1989, completed T-38 pilot instructor training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in April 1986 as top graduate and returned to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Served as 50th Flying Training Squadron flight commander, assistant squadron section commander, and T-38 branch chief, wing standardization and evaluation
9. July 1989 - June 1990, student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
10. August 1990 - December 1990, F-15E training, 461st Tactical Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

11. January 1991 - June 1992, flight commander and assistant operations officer, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
12. June 1992 - June 1993, chief of fighter plans for interdiction, 603rd Air Control Center Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
13. June 1993 - August 1993, F-15E training, 550th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
14. September 1993 - May 1994, operations officer, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
15. May 1994 - March 1996, commander, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
16. August 1996 - June 1997, student, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
17. June 1997 - September 1999, chief, European Command Division, J-3 Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. October 1999 - December 1999, F-15E training, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
19. December 1999 - May 2001, commander, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
20. May 2001 - July 2001, T-38 pilot instructor training, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
21. July 2001 - present, commander, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,400

Aircraft flown: F-111A/E, T-38A, F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Jan 15, 1977
First Lieutenant	Jan 15, 1979
Captain	Jan 15, 1981
Major	Mar 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 1993
Colonel	Jan 1, 1998